Decontrol of paddy and other Food Stuffs.

121. MR. D. GNANASIGAMONI : Will the Honourable Minister for Food be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether Government have any definite plan as regards the decontrol of paddy and other essential foodstuffs ; and

(*b*) if so, what ?

HON'BLE MR. K. M. KORAH : (*a*) and (*b*) The question of introducing decontrol and derationing of foodgrains in certain paddy producing taluks in the State is under the consideration of Government.

Permit for the transport of tapioca.

122. MR. PAUL THALIATH: Will the Hon'ble Minister for Excise be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether he has received any complaint against any member of this Assembly, representing Parur Taluk, regarding the issue of permits for the transport of tapioca from Changanacherry to Parur through water route ;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative whether any enquiry has been conducted ;

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the affirmative, the names of those officers, who conducted such an enquiry ;

(*d*) whether they have submitted any report ;

(*e*) if the answer to part (*d*) is in the affirmative, will he be pleased to place them on the table ?

HON'BLE MR. K. M. KORAH : (*a*) No.

(*b*)
(*c*)
(*d*)
(*e*) } In view of answer to (*a*) these questions do not arise.

Shop Assistants' Bill.

123. MR. N. DANIEL JOSE (*Neyyattinkara III—S. I. U. C.*) : Will the Hon'ble Minister for Labour be pleased to state :

(*a*) Whether the Government propose to bring before the Legislature a Shop Assistants' Bill similar to the one passed by the Madras Assembly ; and

(*b*) if so, when ?

HON'BLE MR. C. KESAVAN : (*a*) and (*b*) The question of legislation in the matter is under consideration of Government.

Land Tax Problem in the Kalloopara Pakuthy.

124. MR. P. CHACKO (*Thiruvella V—General*) : Will the Hon'ble Minister for Land be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether basic tax has been introduced to Kalloopara Pakuthy of Thiruvella Taluk and if it has not been introduced, the reason for the same ;

(*b*) whether Agricultural tax has been levied in the Kalloopara Pakuthy ; and

(*c*) Will the Government be pleased to remove this inequality of the citizens of Kalloopara Pakuthy at an early date ?

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HON'BLE MR. C. KESAVAN: (*a*) No. Because the Land Tax Proclamation which introduced the basic tax is not applicable to Edavagai lands.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Will be considered.

'Chitta' of the Kalloopara Pakuthy.

125. MR. P. CHACKO: Will the Hon'ble Minister for land be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Government are aware that the 'Chitta' of the Kalloopara pakuthy is not kept in the Thiruvella taluk office and to obtain a copy of a Chitta of a particular survey number, people have to apply to the Edapally Chief; and

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to direct to keep the 'Chitta' of the Kalloopara pakuthy in the Thiruvella taluk office to remove difficulty of the litigant public?

HON'BLE MR. C. KESAVAN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Chitta and other records now kept in the Edappalli Cutcherry are required for reference by the Edavagai authorities in connection with collection work etc., and as such cannot be removed to the Taluk Office.

Manure Depots.

126. MR. N. V. CHACKO (*Kunnathunad III—General*): Will the Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether the Government will be pleased to open manure depots, depots for selling implements, and wood and metal for making implements, of husbandry?

HON'BLE MR. K. M. KORAH: Twenty-five Agricultural Departmental depots and 214 agency depots are already functioning in the State for the purpose. Arrangements will be made for opening more depots.

Public Call Telephone Office.

127. DR. M. O. CHERIYAN (*Devicolam—General*): Will the Hon'ble Minister for Electricity be pleased to state whether in view of the fact that the nearest telephone or telegraph office to Marayoor in Devicolam taluk is about 26 miles from the place he will kindly go into the question of installing a public call telephone office at the local Anchal Office?

HON'BLE MR. A. ATCHUTHAN: A seven year programme for the extension of telephone throughout the State has been chalked out and in this programme the installation of this public call office is not included. So the question of installing a public call office at Marayoor can be taken up only after the execution of the works already sanctioned and after sufficient telephone materials become available.

Mining and shipping of the mineral sands.

128. MR. K. A. MUHAMMED (*Quilon IV—Muslim*): Will the Hon'ble Minister for Industries be pleased to state whether there is and settled policy on the part of Government regarding the mining any shipping of the mineral sands of the State?

HON'BLE MR. T. M. VARGHESE: Yes.

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